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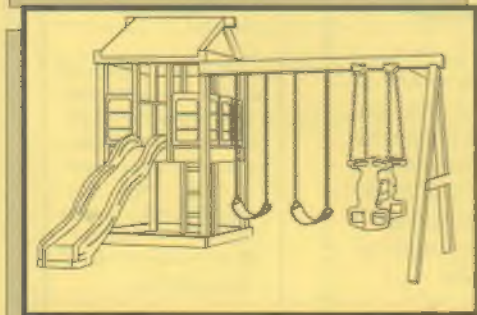
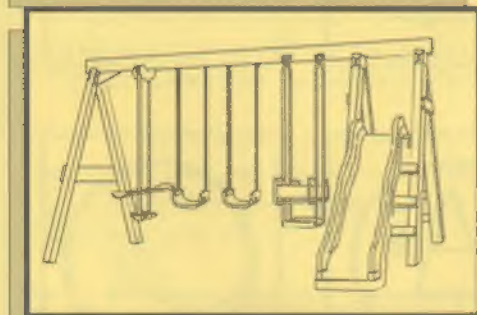
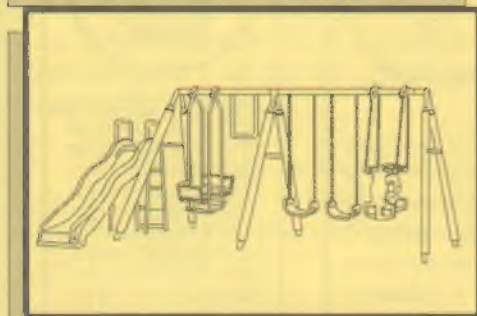
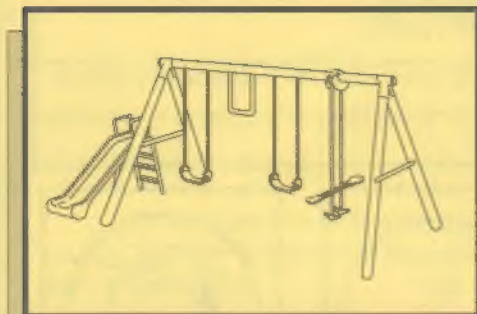
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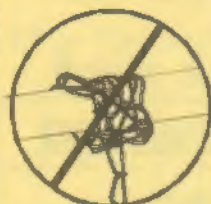
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IMPORTANT!

Review this **Safety Manual** and your **Owner's Manual** periodically during the play season.



DO NOT wrap swing chain around the top bar.



DO NOT twist swing chains.

Because this will cause the chain to break, which could result in an injury.



For covered and uncovered swing chains.



DO adjust the chains by cutting away the plastic covering and hanging by the desired link. There should be at least 8" clearance from bottom of swing seat to the ground.



Remember to check all protective coverings (glide guards, bolt covers, etc.) to be sure they are in place. These protective covers are very important to the safety of the children. Injuries to children could result if the protective coverings are not in place.



All gyms should be anchored. See your Owner's Manual for proper anchoring instructions. Anchoring the gym keeps it sturdy and safe for child's play.



During the summer season, check the slide several times during the day. If hot to the touch, pour cold water over the slide. High temperatures could make the plastic or metal very hot, which could result in burn injuries.

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Dear Purchaser:

Congratulations upon your selection of a Hedstrom gym set. We are sure you'll be pleased with its quality and performance for many, many years to come.

Our gym sets are provided in kit form. We've included a detailed set of instructions which will guide you, step by step, in the assembly and installation of your gym set. **Be sure to follow these instructions carefully.**

Remember, too, that if any questions or problems should arise during the assembly or installation of your gym set, call Hedstrom's toll-free **Consumer Relations Hotline**. Our people are there to assist you in any way we can.

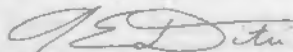
Here at Hedstrom, we consider ourselves partners with you in the safety of your children. We have provided you with a safe product, but it's up to you to provide the day-to-day supervision and instruction to your children so that they can safely enjoy your Hedstrom gym set.

That's why we have prepared this **safety and operating booklet** just for you, and I urge you to read it over carefully. You'll find important safety hints for assembling, locating, installing and using your Hedstrom gym set.

While nobody can prevent all accidents and injuries from occurring, it is important for you to take an active part in providing and promoting a safe experience for your children. This safety booklet will tell you how to minimize the possibility of injury to your children.

Thank you again for your purchase of a Hedstrom Product.

Sincerely,



Arnold E. Ditri
Chief Executive Officer

Safety Manual

HOW TO PROMOTE SAFE PLAY WITH YOUR HEDSTROM GYM SET

This equipment is designed for normal residential usage and is not intended for commercial applications in public areas such as schools, parks, nurseries, swimming pools, day cares, and etc.

Locating Your Gym Set

Safety is very important in selecting a suitable location for your Hedstrom gym set.

To select a good location, remember that children may travel for considerable distances after coming down a slide or if they jump off a swing. **Therefore, it's important to separate the gym set from other things in your yard which could injure them.**

Here are **minimum guidelines** for safe distances between your gym set and common residential features. Locate your gym set:

- **At least 6 feet** from hard, fixed objects such as your house, garage, other buildings, trees or branches, high fences or walls; from swimming pools or open water, retaining walls, low fences, rocks, laundry hangers or hard ground surfaces such as concrete, asphalt, brick or stone;
- **At least 6 feet** below overhead electrical or telephone wires, laundry or clothes lines, or tree branches.

**REMEMBER THAT SAFETY AND SEPARATION
ARE CLOSELY RELATED!**

Assembling Your Gym Set

It takes time to assemble your Hedstrom gym set correctly. For the safety of your children, remember to:

- Read and understand the Assembly and Installation Instructions.
- Follow the instructions exactly.
- Use the correct tools to assemble your gym set.

If you find that a part is missing or was received in damaged condition, call Hedstrom's toll-free Consumer Relations hotline for a prompt and free replacement.

Do not use non-Hedstrom parts to complete your assembly. Other bolts or fasteners may not be strong enough, or may have or cause sharp edges or protrusions which can injure your child!

Your gym set comes with guards, protective caps and covers designed to minimize the possibility of injury to your child. **Be sure to install and maintain and replace these important safety devices.**

Both during and after assembly, check all fasteners to be sure they are tight.

During and after assembly, carefully inspect the entire gym set for burrs, sharp edges, unprotected protruding parts, or rough edges that may cause splinters.

If any of these are found, follow maintenance instructions found elsewhere in this safety manual.

QUESTIONS ABOUT ASSEMBLY OR INSTALLATION?

Call Hedstrom's toll-free Consumer Relations hotline for USA & Canada (1-800-233-3271), and the United Kingdom (0759-380655). We will gladly answer your questions.

Installing Your Gym Set

Here are some safety guidelines to follow while you are installing your Hedstrom gym set into your yard:

- Be sure you have selected a safe location for the gym set by measuring the distances from the legs of the gym set to nearby objects described on the previous page.

Follow Hedstrom's installation instructions carefully and exactly as they are written!

- Select a level surface for your gym set.

Even if the ground beneath your gym set is not perfectly level, be sure to install the gym set itself so that it is level!

- Dig properly sized holes for leg anchorage. (See the anchoring instructions in your Owner's Manual.)
- The area around your gym set should have a soft ground surface beneath the entire gym set for a safe distance in all directions. A soft ground surface is necessary to cushion your children's landing in the event of a fall from any part of the equipment. Falls onto hard surfaces from playground equipment can cause fractures or concussions, or other serious injuries.

Suitable ground surfaces include, mulch wood chips, sand, pea gravel or safety surfaces specifically designed for playground use.

Remember that residential lawns can easily be worn away and become bare, packed earth by the passage of little feet.

The Importance Of Anchoring

All Hedstrom gym sets must be securely anchored to prevent tipover during use.

Even small children playing on the gym set can cause the entire gym set to topple over if recommended legs are not securely anchored. This is dangerous to your child!

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** to follow the Anchoring Instructions as recommended in your Owner's Manual.

When concrete is used, make sure to allow time for proper curing of the concrete as per the manufacturer's recommendations (maybe as long as seven days) prior to using the gym set.

Maintaining The Area Around Your Gym Set

After installing your gym set with a safe ground surface beneath and around it, it's important to maintain these areas to prevent injuries to your children.

- Trim overhanging or nearby tree branches, hedges and other vegetation.

As your children grow, so do your trees and shrubs. Be sure this growth does not intrude into the safe space surrounding your gym set, where it could become a hazard.

**HEDSTROM RECOMMENDS GYM SETS BE
ANCHORED IN CONCRETE
WHENEVER POSSIBLE!**

Maintaining Your Gym Set

Along with maintaining the area in which your gym set is located, it's also important to frequently maintain your gym set.

All the parts and hardware of your gym set are made of high quality materials which should last for many years when properly maintained. But since this is outside equipment, regular maintenance is important to keep your gym set safe for your children:

AFTER ASSEMBLY

- Carefully check for burrs, sharp edges or protrusions which could injure your child. Check bolt and screw heads and remove all burrs which may have occurred during assembly.

If sharp edges or burrs are found, file them down until they are smooth

- If any bolts protrude too far for the plastic protective caps to fit flush, use a hacksaw to cut the end to the required length. File the cut edges to remove burrs and sharp edges, and install the protective cap.
- If you find a component or fastener which is heavily rusted or damaged, order replacement parts and install them promptly.

To prevent injuries from component failure, discontinue use of the gym set until these important repairs are made!

- Avoid nicking or scratching painted surfaces and exposing bare metal.

Apply a light coat of wax after assembly is completed and before and after each season's playing to prolong the life of the gym set and to prevent rust.

- Touch up scratches or nicks. Cover exposed bare metal with a clear lacquer finish and apply a light coat of wax.
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**HEDSTROM SUPPLIES ALL REPLACEMENT SAFETY CAPS, COVERS, GUARDS,
FREE OF CHARGE.**

Maintaining Your Gym Set Continued..

- Recommend Wood Sealer to maintain beauty and life of wood gyms even treated lumber.
- Check wood areas frequently for splinters or rough edges, sand until smooth

AFTER ONE WEEK OF USE

- Check and tighten all nuts, nails, bolts, screws and fasteners.
- Check for plastic end caps on the ends of all bolts to protect children from being cut or scratched. Call us for replacement caps if any of them become damaged or lost.

TWICE DURING EVERY MONTH OF ACTIVE PLAY

- Tighten all nuts, bolts and nails if needed. Also, be sure protective caps, covers, guards, etc. are in place.
- Apply lubricating oil to all metallic moving parts.
- Check swing seats and chains during usage season for evidence of deterioration. Replacement should be made in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Check Nylon Bearing Assemblies to make sure the black nylon insert is intact. Replace Nylon Bearing Assemblies immediately if they show signs of wear, cracking or breakage. Missing or broken Nylon Bearing Inserts will cause wear of swing chain, that may result in an injury.
- Look for signs of rust and eliminate them. Sand rusted areas on tubular members and repaint using a non-lead based paint meeting the requirements of Title 16 CFR Part 1303.
- Check wood areas frequently for splinters or rough edges, sand until smooth.

AT THE END OF EACH SEASON

Remove plastic rides, slides and canopies and take indoors or do not use when the temperature drops below 30 degrees F.

AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEASON

Follow the steps for "Twice During Each Month of Active Play".

DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

When it becomes necessary to dispose of your gym set, remove all bolts or nails and disassemble the complete gym. Store gym out of reach of children until it can be removed from your property.

Maintaining Your Gym Set Continued..

ABOUT YOUR PLASTIC SLIDE BEDS

- If the plastic slide is exposed to direct sunlight, always check to **MAKE SURE** it is not hot before allowing children to play on the slide. If the slide is hot, pour cold water down the slide until slide cools. Check several times during extended play.
- The plastic slide can be wiped clean with warm water and a mild detergent.
- All Metal and Plastic components may become hot when exposed to direct sunlight. Make sure the rides, platforms and slides are not hot before allowing children to play on the gym set. If the component or ride is hot to the touch, pour cold water on the component or ride until cool to the touch. Dry before allowing children to use component or ride. Failure to do so may cause injuries. Repeat as necessary during play.

ABOUT YOUR METAL SLIDE BED

- Your metal slide bed is protected with a light coat of oil. Wipe oil from the slide and apply a light coat of wax. Rubbing the slide bed with wax paper will also be sufficient. Repeat this frequently during the active play season.
- Although your metal slide bed is rust-resistant, environmental contamination can cause orange-brown surface staining and residue. Help to prevent this by avoiding contact by lawn and garden fertilizers, salt water and acidic trees such as pine, oak and walnut.
- **Have slide face NORTH. Facing south in direct sun can heat metal to 140° (even if outside temperature is 78°) and cause 2nd and 3rd degree burns.** If the metal slide is exposed to direct sunlight, always check to **MAKE SURE** it is not hot before allowing children to play on the slide. If the slide is hot, pour cold water down the slide until slide cools. Check several times during extended play.
- It is important to maintain the protective Plastic Caps and Slide Knee Caps on your slide. Replacement caps are supplied free of charge.

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Supervising Your Children At Play

Along with explaining safety rules to your children, it is necessary to enforce them. That will require your presence and attention while they play on their gym set.

Only you can determine the level of supervision necessary to keep your children playing safely and to prevent actions which can be hazardous to them.

We at Hedstrom strongly recommend that all children should be supervised at all times when using this equipment. **DO NOT** leave children unattended.

Here are some guidelines which will help you in supervising your children at play.

- Take an active part in the play process; push your children on the swings, hold them or support them while they use the higher apparatus, and encourage safe use by all children playing on your gym set.
- Make yourself comfortable: if you prefer to sit and watch, find a handy chaise lounge or lawn chair and position it where you can see the entire gym set and all of the children playing on it.
- Do not attempt to supervise more children than you can continuously monitor.

Avoid distractions which will prevent you from giving continuous supervision!

- Be alert to hazards before they occur and offer instructions or warnings if it appears that a child is beginning to play unsafely.

Intercept and put a halt to all unsafe play practices immediately!

- Hedstrom recommends that visiting children be supervised by their own parent or guardian as well as yourself; they should enforce the same safety rules you are.

Do not allow any children to use the gym set in your absence or without adult supervision!

Those Who Should - And Shouldn't - Use The Gym Set

Your Hedstrom gym set has been designed for youngsters who will get the most out of the many enjoyments and challenges the equipment will offer them.

It is important to limit the use of your gym set to only those children we have designed it for. Heavier children and adults put additional stresses on the components and fasteners which can result in injuries from sudden failures or breakage.

If a heavier person uses the gym set without a breakage or failure, damages to the components can still occur and may lead to a future failure or breakage. Therefore, follow these important guidelines:

- Refer to your Owner's Manual for proper age usage.
- Children less than the recommended age should not use the gym set, due to possible problems of entrapment.
- Children using the gym set should weigh not more than **105 pounds** each.
- If your gym set is equipped with an adult lawn swing, it will accommodate riders whose collective weight does not exceed **400 pounds**.
- Refer to your Owner's Manual for proper number of children that should ride on your gym set.

FOR LAWN SWINGS!

WARNING:

Lawn Swings are designed for use by children over two years of age.

Children under the age of two can become entrapped between the seat and back areas.

NEVER place children facing rearward or with legs between the seat and backrest because the child's body could slide into the opening causing entrapment of the child by his head or chest.

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY DEPENDS ON YOU! IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ASSEMBLY, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AS STATED IN THIS BOOKLET, AND YOUR OWNER'S MANUAL.

BY CALLING OUR TOLL FREE CONSUMER HOTLINE FOR THE USA AND CANADA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, OUR STAFF IS READY TO ASSIST YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

For Years Of Safe Play

TEACH YOUR CHILDREN THEY MUST:

- **NOT** play on the gym set without on-site adult supervision. Adult supervision is recommended for children of all ages.
- **NOT** climb on or hang from structural members of the gym set.
- **NOT** swing too high.
- **NOT** walk close to, in front of, between, or behind moving play rides.
- **NOT** swing empty seats or swing in unison.
- **NOT** ever attach free hanging ropes to gym sets, because children could become entangled and hanged.
- **NOT** use the gym set when it is wet.
- **NOT** twist swing chains or ropes, or wrap swing chains or ropes over top bar since this may reduce the strength of the chain or rope.
- **NOT** place any part of their bodies near top bar brackets or glide guards.
- **NOT** swing at an angle.
- **NOT** hang upside down from any part of the gym set.
- **NOT** wear loose clothing, clothing with hoods or drawstrings, jewelry, ponchos, scarfs or untied shoelaces or other loose-fitting clothing which is potentially hazardous while using equipment.
- **NOT** dismount or jump off moving rides.
- **NOT** attempt to grasp another child on a moving ride.
- **NOT** attempt to stop another child's moving ride.
- **NOT** sit on swings in any manner other than in the center of seat with their full weight on seat.
- **NOT** go down the slide head first.

NEVER USE THIS EQUIPMENT IN A MANNER OTHER THAN INTENDED!

For covered and uncovered swing chains.



DO NOT wrap swing chain around the top bar.



DO NOT twist swing chains.

Because this will cause the chain to break, which could result in an injury.



DO NOT allow children to swing glide rides, bump-n-glides, star cruisers, rocket riders, swings, sky horse, and lawn swings, greater than a 60 degree angle.



DO NOT allow children to play on gym with damaged metal parts. Remember to check all metal parts (gym legs, cross bars, hangers, etc.). Any metal part must be replaced immediately if it becomes damaged. Continued use of these parts may result in part failure and result in an injury.



DO NOT allow children to use equipment before correctly anchored and assembled, to prevent tipping, or lifting of support legs during use.



DO NOT allow children to walk close to, in front of, behind of, or between moving rides. Children should be cautious of moving rides when getting on or off rides.



DO NOT allow children to play on gym with damaged plastic parts. Remember to check all of the plastic rides (swing seats, lawn swings, rocket rider, star cruiser, glide ride seats, etc.). Any plastic part must be replaced immediately if it becomes damaged. Continued use of these parts may result in part failure and result in an injury.

CAUTION! Children may become injured if the gym set is not assembled, installed (anchored) and maintained in accordance with *Safety Manual* and *Owner's Manual*.

Save this Safety Manual, and Owner's Manual,
in the event you need to contact the manufacturer.
Please review both manuals at the beginning and
end of each play season to assist you in performing
routine maintenance and remind you of the Safe
Play Recommendations!

CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENTS

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TOLL FREE HOT LINE:

If You Have Any Questions or Concerns About Your Hedstrom Product

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CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

Between 8 A.M. and 4:45 P.M. E.S.T.

Monday through Friday

(800-233-3271)

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